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- 1. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NO RPT NO SUBSTANTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY FRENCH AS MEANS OF COUNTERING ARAB BOYCOTT PRACTICES.
- 2. ALTHOUGH ANTI-BOYCOTT MEASURES WERE SUBJECT OF INTENSIVE DEBATE DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS LAST FALL, NO LEGISLATION IN THIS REGARD HAS BEEN PASSED. CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES DID APPROVE AND SEND TO SENATE AT END OF NOVEMBER A DRAFT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL OMNIBUS BILL WHICH CONTAINS ANTI-BOYCOTT RIDERS AFFECTING ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND RHODESIA. OUR SOURCES TELL US SENATE IS CERTAIN TO MAKE EXTENSIVE CHANGES IN THIS BILL BEFORE SENDING IT BACK TO CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES--PROBABLY TOWARD END OF APRIL. GIVEN CATCH-ALL NATURE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION, SOURCE SAYS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT WILL DEPEND UPON OUTCOME OF UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. ULTIMATELY, HOWEVER, EXIGENCIES OF FRENCH MIDDLE EAST POLICY LIKELY TO BRING ABOUT REMOVAL OF ANY PORTIONS OF BILL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE FIRM MEASURES AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT POLICIES.

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